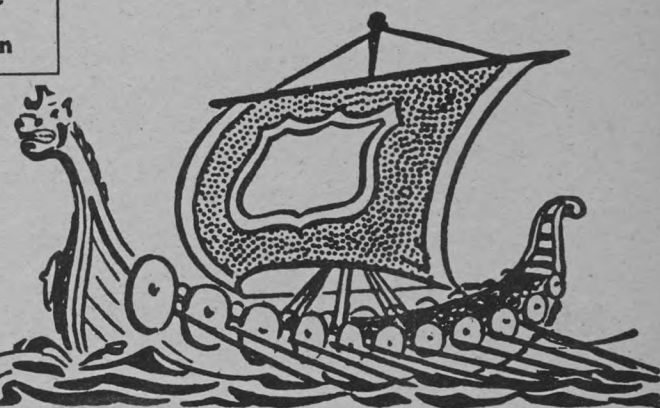


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40th ANNIVERSARY - FALUN VASA LODGE



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NORDSTJERNAN NEWS

By Phyllis Tapio

The Falun Vasa Lodge celebrated its 40th Anniversary at a banquet and dance in Lone Ridge Hall on February 19.

Among the honored guests was the organizer of the Falun Lodge Past District Master, Oscar Grahn. Of the fifteen Charter members still in the order, fourteen were present to be honored on this special occasion. They are: Grudrun Lind, Tillie Sjöberg, Bernice Garbe, Amy Olson, Elvira Anderson, Karen Thorsen, Edna Nelson, Lena Brown, Carl Hanson, Norman Olson, Carl Brown and Sven Sjogren.

Unable to be present was Christine Olson, who resides at White Rock, British Columbia.

Visiting members from Calgary, Edmonton, Meeting Creek, and Buford Lodges were present and brought greetings and congratulations to the local lodge. The gathering also heard reminiscences of the past history of the group from John Halmlund and enjoyed the program presented in the interval between the dinner and the dance that completed the evenings entertainment.

Congratulations are extended to Mel and Rose Gabrielson who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on March 18th.

On March 11 three curling teams from Falun went to Calmar to take part in a curling bonspiel, along with teams from Edmonton and Buford Lodges. Congratulations to Buford Lodge who celebrated their 40th Anniversary on March 11th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Immerzeel of Edmonton on the birth of a daughter March 8. The first grandchild for Gordon and Rose Krause.

Norman and Jean Bauer (nee Halmluna) were up from Medicine Hat, to attend the lodges Anniversary.

On February 27 the Falun Lodge held their bowling tournament. Dan Edin's team walked off with the first place trophy. With Dan were Karen Thorsen, Tillie Sjöberg, Rose Gabrielson, Paul Bloedel and Maureen Sjogren. Bertha Edin was high scorer for the ladies and Mel Gabrielson was high scorer for the men.

Get well wishes are extended to John Halmlund who has been a patient in the Wetaskiwin Municipal Hospital.

The sympathy of the Falun Lodge is extended to Olga Brown and her two sons on the passing of George Brown. Mr. Brown passed away on Wednesday March 1st in the Wetaskiwin Hospital at the age of 61 years. George was a charter member of the Falun Lodge.

The March meeting was held on March 12 at the home of Tillie Sjöberg.

ANOTHER GREAT SHOW!!

BY SHIRLEY THORVALDSON

The weather was cold the night of Scandapades '72 but the warmth and good-will generated in the Jubilee Auditorium warmed most Scandinavian hearts. It was another successful show for talented director, Jack McCreath who has now cajoled, pleaded and threatened our performers through two very entertaining Scandapade shows.

Our warmest thanks to Co-ordinator of Scandapades 1972 Bengt Kristiansson and Assistant Co-ordinator, Margaret Cameron. They gave a great deal of time and effort to bring you an outstanding show.

The audience was welcomed by Gunnar Thorvaldson, Chairman of the Board of Directors (1971) and the show was officially opened by the Scandinavian Centre Queen, Susan Sorensen.

The theme of this year's production was a holiday in Scandinavia in which a young couple played by Darlene Melsness and Ward Dokken, tour the Scandinavian countries - seeing the sights and taking in various events.

It was encouraging to see so many new faces - and so many young faces - this year. The young people brought with them an eagerness and enthusiasm that was contagious.

Everyone worked so hard and did a great job but I must mention a few people who added greatly to the show and are not of Scandinavian descent - Ross La Grandeur, the amazing 12 year old banjo player from Leduc, Neil Morton, a rich-voiced bass singer; the young group of actors from Ross Sheppard High School and Upstage Enterprises; and the Klondike Kickers from the Davidson School of Dancing.

"My Little Lefsa," a comedy song, sung by Lillian French, really had the audience laughing as the tune poked fun at the Norwegian flat bread, lefsa. At one point in the song she mentioned that it was used by Leif Eriksson to patch his boat! As a final gesture Lillian flung two pieces of lefsa out into the audience.

Jack McCreath composed two catchy songs for the show's opening and closing numbers - "Scandinavian Bound" and "Canadian Bound," and a nostalgic folk song "Back to Iceland" was written and sung by the brother and sister team of Marie Schaumont and Bill Bourne.

This year's show took on a more challenging dimension for the director and actors with the addition of several skits and the enactment of the fairytale "The Kings New Clothes" by Hans

Christian Andersen.

Crystal Fleuty, Viola Wallbank and Irene Hovde are three talented singers who always give an outstanding performance and this year was no exception.

The ethnic dancing was most enjoyable with smooth and polished performances from the Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish dancers.

The music director for the show was Del Melsness with the orchestra under the direction of Lilly Boyer.

Allan Larsen's set designs excelled even last year's in originality, size and colour. Allan and the set construction crew are to be congratulated on the excellent job they did.

Next year is the 20th anniversary of Scandapades and Allan Larsen will be the Co-ordinator. May it be a huge success and a show long to be remembered.

SMILE!

The reporter came idly into office. "Well," said the editor, "what did the eminent statesman have to say?" "Nothing." "Well, keep it down to a column."

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

by Soren Sorensen

Well, Scandapades is over for another year and, I think, we must all say that it was a delightful performance by everybody involved; culturewise and talentwise. Culture and its heritages are wonderful and very important things in people's lives, for both young and old, a very good reason for living.

From all the directors on the Board, to all the people involved in Scandapades '72 our admiration and thanks, and to our new director in charge of Scandapades for next year, Mr. Allan Larsen, good luck and best wishes for a tremendous performance for 1973.

As you all must know, the Federal Government of Canada and the Provincial Government of Alberta are willing to give money to help promote culture. We, on the Board, will do our utmost to get any grant that the Scandinavian Centre can qualify for.

The Directors' Positions on the Board has been filled as follows:

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RADIO REPORT

The Scandinavian Show is on CFCW Radio Station every Saturday morning at 10:30 - 790 on you A.M. Dial. The Scandinavian Centre report is broadcasted on this program at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Allan Larsen will give the report for the month of April. If you have any news for the month of April, please call Allan Larsen at phone No. 455-4355.

Team work--A hard slogan to live up to.



ALLAN LARSEN

Travelling in NorSweDen

by Leslie L. Morris

Trondheim, Norway, was a beautiful old city and our visit there was one to remember. The old Nidaros Cathedral was a wonderful monument to civilization.

We had planned to visit the Ringve Manor with a conducted tour of the Museum of Music History but due to the fact we could not find the bus which was to take us there we did not go. It seemed that those we asked were unable to speak English, and those who could didn't know which bus we should take.

It was interesting that, while we were looking for the bus, we ran across some church people from Canada who were over in Norway on a mission and Beth was pleased to have a conversation with someone who understood her language after our many frustrations with the the local people.

Being quite worn out after trapesing through the cathedral, we decided to go to bed early and get a good start in the morning. We were going back to Oslo and then on to Stavanger. We were to be strangely detoured another way.

As I mentioned before, on the way to Trondheim, we had taken the west railroad route, and so on the way back, we took the east route which took us through some beautiful country. However, it so happened that we had some engine trouble and lost time getting to Oslo to catch our close-call connection to Stavanger.

We were lucky, however, as we were able to catch a train to Bergen instead. We had intended to go to Stavanger, then to Bergen, but we could go the other way around, so it made no difference.

I had planned it so that we would be travelling on a sleeper

to the west coast, and it was too bad that we were unable to see the gorgeous scenery which many people had told us about. Nevertheless, one has to sleep sometime, and I had figured we may just as well sleep while we were travelling. The next time we go, we shall try to fill in where we missed out this time.

We arrived in Bergen in the early hours of the morning and it was a beautiful sunshiny day. This is strange according to some friends who have actually lived there. However, as I have said before, there was someone looking after the weather for us up there and I wasn't complaining.

I wish someone had been looking after us down here at that time for a strange thing happened and it really ruffled my feathers.

As we usually did, we put our luggage in the station lockers and then we scouted the city and found our way around before coming back to retrieve them.

As I was opening some of these lockers, I could smell a distinct odeous aroma of fish. Ha, ha, I thought, I'd better go further down the line and get a clean one, which I did.

Later, however, when we came back to retrieve our luggage, low and behold, I had put them into one that was actually dripping with fish juice.

Naturally, I was somewhat upset and I had to curb my language. In the turmoil, I dropped my shaving lotion and broke it on the cement floor. It wasn't such a bad idea, so I purposely took out my deodorant spray can and began spraying our luggage. This evoked a great momentary laughter from some English tourists. However, later, I had to give a little chuckle myself as I recalled one of them saying:

LETTER OF THANKS

Scandapades "72" was evaluated as a success due to the efforts of a very large group of Co-operative people.

Director - Jack McCreath
Stage Manager - Ken Graham
Property Manager - Claus Jacobsen
Makeup Director and Staff - Betty Travis
Costume Co-ordinator - Gladys Clark
Narrator - Don Shaw
Set Design and staff - Allan Larsen
Lunch convener and staff - Minnie Markstrom
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Program Director - Les Morris

The performing artists and leading names in Scandapades 1972 was:

Darlene Melsness
Ward Dokken
Ester Lauridsen
Lillian French
Neil Morton
Crystal Fleuty
Irene Hovde
Magnar Bjorsvick
Marie Schaumont
Bill Bourne
Viola Wallbank
Ross La Grandeur
Wendy Wallbank
Larry Farley
Bob Fix
Ernie Williamson wrote music for Scandapades and KLONDIKE KICKERS.

I also wish to thank the five ethnic groups for the work they did in performing their parts of the program. The show was very successful and without the hard work from the groups involved this would not have been possible. It was a pleasure to work with you all in Scandapades 1972. I thank you all.

BENGTT AKE KRISTIANSSON
CO-ORDINATOR

THE EDITOR SAYS

Some changes are always difficult to hurdle. The Scandinavian Centre News has had a recent change which has made some people wonder.

It has been the intention to change the form of printing of the paper so that more pictures could be included in the news without a great deal of cost. We took this change the last issue.

For the technical minded we now print the paper by the "off-set" method rather than the "letterpress" method. A lot more can be done with the off-set method but it still takes time and money.

The first such edition of this method was the March issue. Unfortunately, because of a change of other things, such as the editor taking on the editorship of a weekly publication called The TV Calendar, the time factor threw everything for a loop.

There just didn't seem time enough to do everything that was necessary--such as proof reading thoroughly enough, etc., which made the copy somewhat nonprofessional. This has been overcome, we hope, and from henceforth, you should be able to read about your favourite interests without too much difficulty.

Now that we can use more pictures, we hope that our correspondents will utilize this and send in more informative pictures with their copy. We trust that this will enhance the paper for those who like to see a picture or two with their reading.

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



by TOVE MARKO

Coming Events: April 15
Lodge Officers Fraternal Seminar, Scandinavian Centre, Viking Room - Banquet and dance 7:00 p.m. Deadline for Tickets April 13 - please call 422-5990 or 455-5371.
Members and friends welcome. Dance \$2.00 per person at 9:00 p.m.

Bowling Banquet

Sons of Norway Bowling Banquet and Dance Saturday, May 6, Beverly Crest Motor Hotel, 3418 - 118 Avenue.
Tickets may be obtained from Lois Halberg 466-9344, Dennis Cook 476-7210.

May 13 - Syttende Mai Fest, Banquet and Dance - Viking Room Scandinavian Centre.

Norwegian Cultural Directors put on a program at the Theatre of the Provincial Museum. This is the first Norwegian program ever to be presented at the Museum. Members in the program were: Mrs. Irene Hoode
Mr. Magnar Bjorsvik
Miss Sonja McBride
Mr. Craig Krogen
Mrs. Doreen Melsness
Mr. Delmar Melsness

Sunday Lodge Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at 2 o'clock at the Scandinavian Centre. Sis Sonja McBride is teaching Norwegian dancing after each meeting.

A camera was presented to Ken Halberg for selling the most tickets for the Scandapades. He sold \$32.00 worth of tickets.

The junior members are also learning some Norwegian songs.

Anyone wishing to instruct a Norwegian craft please contact 455-2059.

Sis Betty Travis wishes to thank the make-up assistants for Scandapades:
Eav Berg
Donna Cameron
Elsie and Lyndia Dreichel
Ann Quitzau
Ruth Logan
Rose Svidal
Marjorie and Donna Verklund

ANDERS ANDERSON REPORT

Sons of Norway were skiing at Tawatinaw on Sunday, March 4th. We had six real good runs and one tow. The tow team payed \$3:00 for adults and \$1.50 for children. There was lots of snow and the skiing was fantastic. There were too many people for only one tow and also the hill not too good for beginners. The next weekend we went to Swiss Valley 20 miles out of Edmonton. For the following three or four weeks a trip to Jasper was planned.

Speedy recovery to the following:
Mr. Leo Elsland
Mr. Florence Ehly
Mr. Magnar Bjorsvik
Mrs. Marjorie Verklund

Mr. and Mrs. Steen have returned from a two weeks trip in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hope were honored guests at Chateau Lacombe on March 4 and 5. They won a free trip to Vancouver the following day when they spent a week visiting their daughter, Marion and family.

Trond Kristian, 7 lb. 2 oz., was born to Brain and Heather Nilsen March 5. Congratulations to the grandparents, Norman and Johanne.

A sewing class will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Gladys Clarke. Address: 13552 - 123A Avenue. On April 19, in the evening, a sewing class will be held at the home of Mrs. Marion Iverson. Address 10430 - 139 Street. For any information on this please phone Astrid Hope at 469-4747.

More applications are needed for the "queen contest" on April 15.

TORSKE KLUBBEN - MARCH 7

Guest speaker: Mr. John Hart, Assistant Chairman of Canadian Studies at Grant MacEwan Community College. Mr. Hart spoke on how Canadian Studies fit into the Educational System, how the college came about and its' purpose.

A book written on the biography of the late Mr. Knut Sivertsen was presented to Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen. Special guests were Mr. Ken Sivertsen and Mr. Robert Sivertsen of Calgary.

Marion and John Iverson, along with Ian and Penny, motored to Sunshine Village at Banff for a week-end of skiing March 3. The weather was warm and skiing conditions were great.

The correspondent for April will be Mrs. Mary Gulbrandsen. If you have any news to report please phone her at 469-5163.

SONS OF NORWAY BOWLING

Team points of March 7

Vikings - 85
Midnight Suns - 79
Fjords - 74
Odins - 71
Thors - 68
Norsemens - 61
Northern Lights - 53
Troll - 49

LADIES HIGH AVERAGE-
Betty McKevitt - 201

LADIES HIGH SINGLE
Betty McKevitt - 326

LADIES HIGH TRIPLE-
Betty McKevitt - 737

MENS HIGH AVERAGE
Thore Selvig - 214

MENS HIGH SINGLE
Myrle Travis - 355

MENS HIGH TRIPLE
Myrle Travis - 835

Team High Single-Vikings-1185

Team high Triple-Midnight Suns -3230

The LAST VIKINGS

Thrusting up from the North Atlantic, 255 miles from the nearest mainland, are the volcanic crags of the Faroe Islands. Viking colonizers settled there over a thousand years ago, driving out the Celtic hermits who lived on the islands. Today, as in the past, the survival of the inhabitants of the Faroes is dependent on the bounty of the sea.

The descendants of the ancient warrior Vikings are spread out across the North Atlantic on the islands of Iceland, the Faroes, Lofoten Island, Greenland and in the small coastal fishing villages of Norway and Sweden. On March 26, the CTV Television Network presented THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY special, THE LAST VIKINGS, and exciting film chronicle of the modern Vikings.

Each September, the cry of "Grinabod" echoes all over the hills and fjords of the Faroes. Signal fires are lit, school is over for the day, for the whales have arrived. At Hvalbour, the National Geographic Society camera team witnessed the excitement of the entire village participating in the "grinding" of the whales. Audacious seamen in small boats herd the whales into a bay as if they were cattle in a round-up. With tools as ancient as the first Viking settlements on the islands, the men, women and children of the village gather to claim the meat that will help sustain them through the long winter.

At the village of Mykinesholmure on the Faroes, the men hang over the thousand feet high cliffs, harvesting guillemot eggs. Supported only by thin ropes, they



Boatbuilder Nicholas Nicholas, Torshavn, Faroe Islands.



Sons of Norway Senior Lodge & Junior Lodge officers.

spend weeks at a time on the narrow ledges exposed to the cold winds of the North Atlantic.

The cameramen visited the Viking museum in Roskilde, Denmark, and while viewing artifacts of Viking history, studied a reconstructed "long ship" dating back to the 9th century. The program also goes aboard a Norwegian fishing vessel as it plies the Atlantic fishing grounds.

THE LAST VIKINGS was written, directed and produced by George Vicas. The program was co-produced by the National Geographic Society and Wolper Productions. It was co-sponsored by the CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE through Mckim/Benton and Bowles Ltd. and by VOLKSWAGEN CANADA LTD. through Doyle Dane Bernbach Canada Ltd.

NORWAY - WHERE SKIING BEGAN: The Norwegian export of skis to USA is more than doubled since last year, according to Mr. Anders J. Huse of Oslo. During the 1972 ski season, Norway will export 120,000 pairs of skis to USA, mainly for ski touring purposes.

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In his infancy, man is an angel. In his boyhood, he is an imp; in his manhood, he is everything from a worm up; in his old age, he is a fool. If he is rich, he is dishonest. If he is poor, he can't manage. If he raises a family, he's a chump.

If he doesn't raise a family he is too selfish.

If he goes to church, he's a hypocrite. If he doesn't he's damned.

If he's in politics, he's a grafter. If he isn't he's shirking his responsibility.

If he is a generous giver, he's a show-off - if he isn't he's stingy.

If he dies young it's a shame because he had such a future ahead of him - but if he lives, why the old so and so, he's probably only hanging around to save funeral expenses.

Yes sir, some of the same people who want to kiss you when you come in to this little old world, want to kick the...out of you when you are here.

Life is queer, by gad, but it's fun ain't it?

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Joyce Hawkes

The March meeting was chaired by Lennart Petersson in the absence of Peter Johnson. Members reported sick were: Martha Dahl, Hannah Sund, Marjory Correll, Alma Samuelson, Linnea Christensen, John Jarret, Bill McMaster.

Cultural Leader, Bengt Kristiansson, spoke on the Lapp-landic people and their way of living. Bengt also extended thanks to all who took part and helped in Scandapades.

As the "Merry Widows" through sickness etc., are unable to entertain after the April meeting, our Cultural Leader was put on the spot to try to come up with entertainment. Good luck Bengt--as of now, we all know that you did a good job, as usual.

It was decided to make a donation to the Cancer Fund. Calgary Stampede tickets will be sold by District No. 18 Alberta. Some tickets will be available through Skandia Lodge.

A very good lunch was donated and served by Ruth Berquist, Ann Sorenson and Evelyn Hazelwood. Betty and Magnus Peterson brought greetings from members of their family: Correll in Vancouver; Gordon and Shirley Pearson in Anaheim, Calif. and Frederking in Santa Ana, Calif. Betty and Magnus attended a Vasa meeting at Orange Blossom Lodge in Anaheim on the 14 of January. Five lodges in the district got together that night and had installation of officers-- Evening Star, Anchor, Gustav the 5th, Scandinavia and Orange Blossom. Entertainment was by a visitor from Sweden who sang Swedish songs and played the guitar. A good time was had by all.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 8 - regular meeting of the Skandia Lodge at the Centre.
April 9 - the annual pot luck supper will be held in the Nordic Room on Sunday evening. Come and bring your families and some thing good to eat, all you Vasa members. Bingo will be the entertainment after supper.
April 12 - The ladies Auxiliary will hold a coffee Party and sale of home baking in the Molson House on Wednesday, starting at 2:00 p.m. Good door prizes.
April 16 - Children's Club meets at the centre.
April 25 - District Bowling at Lethbridge.
April 26 - Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the home of Bill and Martha Kay in the afternoon at 1:30 p.m. (11915 - 82 Street).
May 6 - Regular meeting of the Lodge at the Centre.

VASA GLIMPSES

Several people from the Lodge attended Buford's 40th Anniversary. A good time was had by all. Best wishes to Barbara Pearson of Calmar for a speedy recovery.

Evelyn and Don Johnson are back from their southern holiday. I understand they had just beautiful weather everywhere. They spent some time in California, then on to visit in New Mexico. Next stop was Winnipeg where they went to a Vasa Smorgasbord and then on to Saskatoon where they visited with Harold and Lulu Lundgren. There, they also saw Svea Erickson who is visiting there.

Bert Watson, Milt and Virgie Fawcett, Cliff Lindberg and Matt Eliasson managed to bring back second prize from the Curling Bonspiel in Calmar on March 11. Bud Holmgren, Harold Markstrom, Herb Nelson and Paula Lindberg also were successful: they won the booby prize.

We received a nice donation from Sister Anna Enlund who resides at the Belvedere Lodge. Sister Enlund says that she is 87 years old and can't come and take part in all the fun, but she wishes us all the best. She is a Shareholder and has enjoyed the Scandinavian News for many years.

NOTE: to Vasa Members, everybody likes to know what everybody else is doing. Send in your news about your activities. Please.....

MARGARET AND BERT LUNDGREN wish to say a heartfelt THANKS to all who contributed and also attended the open house in our honour at ALLAN AND HELLEN MELIN's home. We appreciate your kindnesses and best wishes extended to us as we both start a new life together.

A special THANK YOU to the hostesses WINNIE PEARSON, GERTIE HOLMGREN, SANDRA HARRINGTON, MAY RUSHTON AND HELEN MELIN.

MAY INCREASE DRUG PENALTY

OSLO (Reuter) - The Norwegian parliament's judicial committee has proposed increasing the highest penalty for illegal sale of drugs to 10 years from six. It stressed the increase was aimed at making drugs more difficult to obtain by eliminating professional drug pedlars.

EASTER IN SWEDEN

By Ove Kampe

The Easter celebrations differs very much from one family to another, and you can't say in a few words how the Swedes spend their Easter vacation. But one thing you can say: Almost everybody eats eggs. If there are children in the family they want to color them. Before eating them you "pick eggs" that is to say, you compete as to who has the strongest egg. Many children also get big eggs of candy. Some children disguise themselves as an "old Easter woman" and beg for money from their neighbours. Many housewives like to take in birch-sticks, which are put into a vase some days before Easter. After a few days you can see birch tree foliage and they use them as artificial feather or dusters.

Many Swedes go to the mountains in Jamtland, Harjedalen and Dalarna. If you like fishing, the fishing season begins at Easter. If you want, you can take part in many fishing-competitions, too.



Miscellaneous Notes From Sweden

By Ove Kampe

During the first part of 1972, 15 banks were robbed in Stockholm. Only one robber had been caught by the police at the end of February. Stockholm has now more robberies than any other city in Europe.

Articles of food are very expensive in Sweden. Prices have gone up many times during the past few months. Because of this some housewives in Stockholm began to boycott milk and beef. And then they started a great demonstration. So now most Swedes talk about prices and even the members of Parliament have understood that many Swedes have problems of paying for their food. In Sweden we pay about 17 per cent in taxes on everything we buy in shops. We also have the highest income-taxes in the world; so many families have financial worries.

Democratic government in the world, which came to power without a revolution. And now the Social Democrats have governed Sweden for 40 years, from 1932 to 1972 (with an interruption for some months in 1936). The Prime Minister now is Oloph Palme.

Sweden has many good table-tennis players. Last year Stella Bengtsson won the world championship in Japan. And this year Sweden beat China, who earlier dominated in table-tennis. Stella Bengtsson and Kjell Johansson have won international championships in Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Western Germany, France, England and Sweden.

In the Olympic Games in Sapporo, Sweden won 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals. The gold medal was won by Sven Ake Lundback in the 15 kilometers skiing. The silver and one of the bronze medals were won in speed skating and the other bronze in skiing.

The ice hockey team began very well. They conquered U.S.A. 5 to 1 and against the Soviet Union they tied 3 - 3, then they beat Poland. It was 1 - 0 against Czechoslovakia, until the last few minutes, but they lost 1 - 2. The same thing happened against Finland. They had 3 - 2, when five minutes were left but they lost 3 - 4. The players were too negligent. U.S.A. received the silver medals instead of Sweden. The Swedish coach, Billy Harris, a Canadian who has played in Toronto, was very disappointed, and so were most Swedes.

Nowadays, many animals are decreasing in number. In Sweden the wolf is for example very rare. Probably there are very few left. But Sweden has now got two new kinds of animals. In October 1971 five musk-oxen emigrated to Sweden from Norway. These animals were probably disturbed in Dovrefjell, and they hoped it would be more peaceful in Herjedalen which is in the middle of Sweden. We hope people will not disturb them here and that the musk-oxen will settle down in our country. And now in February wild boars were imported to the south of Sweden from Finland. One of the reasons for the import is that many persons want to hurt them.

Norway has now exported the first oil to Sweden. The oilwells are in the North Sea. Also in Sweden we have drilled for oil, but up to now, haven't found any.

In October of last year, a new recently transit ticket was introduced in Stockholm. For 50 Swedish crowns you can go by all public transit vehicles throughout Stockholm and surrounding suburbs. Now you don't need to know all the difficult zone-tariffs, and a long queue can enter a bus very fast because the bus-drivers don't have to change money so often. About 300,000 persons have purchased the monthly ticket. Now the cars will probably decrease in number in the downtown area.

In Sweden, the currencies are crowns and oeres. In January, however, we had a coin reform. The one-and two oeres coins are not minted any longer. The smallest coin is now the five-oeres coin, which now is much smaller. When you go out shopping the prices must be rounded off, when the total sum ends one, two, three, four, six, seven, eight or nine oere. A new five-crown coin is also introduced.

43 MILES LONG SPEED SKATING RACE IN NORWAY - A unique speed skating race will be arranged for the first time on March 19 on lake Randsfjord in Norway. The trail from Brandbu and back is 70 kilometers (43 miles), and the competitions will be attended by top skaters from many nations. The trial will be open for training purposes 3 days prior to the race.

"To know how to grow old is the masterpiece of wisdom, and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of life". Henri Amiel

Olaf Sveen has signed a contract with Waterloo Music, Waterloo, Ontario who will publish six of his compositions in a folio - three waltzes, two polkas and one Scottish. The same numbers will also be released on records.

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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Lillian MacPherson

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Monday April 3. 8:00 p.m.
Executive meeting at the home of Barney Thorlakson.
Sunday May 7.
Crowning of the Fjallkona. Scandinavian Centre.

NEW EXECUTIVE

At the annual meeting held at the Thorablott, Gunnar Thorvaldson, past president and chairman of the nominating committee, conducted elections for 1972/73. The following is the new slate of officers :

- Past President :**
Earl Valgardson
President :
Barney Thorlakson.
Vice-President :
John Olofson
Secretary :
Lucille Odson
Treasurer :
Gus Roland
Sick and Visiting :
Ninna Campbell
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Shirley Thorvaldson
Cultural :
Eleanor Farrell
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Margaret Kolton, Chairman
Committee : Jo Wetterberg, Mrs. Ewing.
Correspondent :
Lillian MacPherson, Chairman
Committee : Ninna Campbell, Shirley Thorsteinson, Diane Vigfusson.
Membership :
Beulah Arason.

THORABLOTT

The Thorablott was very well-attended, with several out-of-town guests, as well as the participants in Scandapades and their parents. Many thanks to Jonina Eamon and Pearl Valgardson who were in charge of the dinner, and the many other women who helped them in the kitchen. It was especially nice to have the treat of several Icelandic dishes.

At the annual meeting, reports were heard from Freda Smith for the Ladies' Auxiliary; Ninna Campbell for the Saga Singers; Earl Valgardson for the club; Gus Roland for the Financial situation; and Martha Arnason for the Sick and Visiting.

SCANDAPADES

A sincere "thank you" to everyone taking part in Scandapades. To Mrs. Viola Wallbank

for her excellent performance and also for all her time and effort on behalf of the children. To Marie Chaumond and Bill Bourne for their fine singing. To Ross LaGrandeur and his outstanding banjo numbers. To all the children for their devotion in attending the many rehearsals. And last but certainly not the least, our thanks to all the parents who brought their children to rehearsals and always in bad weather, it seemed. Thank you all for a job well done.

And everyone in the Club would like to thank Freda Smith for the fine job she did as chairman of the Scandapades Committee for the Icelandic Society.

NEW MEMBERS :

Welcome to the following new members : Ragnar and Betty Gislason, #32, 13010 95A St., Rev. Asgier Ingbergsson, Bawlf, Alberta, Mr. and Mrs. K.C. Hall-dorson, 13006 122B Ave., Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ledger, 7628 88 Ave., Mr. and Mrs. Maldenhauer, #6, 8020 141 Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Ragnvaldur Olafson, #13, 11608 79 Ave.

SYMPATHY

Valdi Jackson, a long time member of our organization and nephew of Lillian and Henry Sumarlidason, passed away in his home in Elfros, Saskatchewan in February. Our sympathy is extended to his wife Mildred, and his daughters and grandchildren.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Anderson in the loss of their son Harold.

ICELANDIC CULTURAL CORPORATION

In September 1971, the Icelandic Cultural Corporation was formed in Gimli, Man. There are thirteen members on the board, and Jack A. Bjornson, 311 Netley Ave., Selkirk, Man. was named the archivist. This corporation intends to erect a suitable building in Gimli, in which to house articles relating to the Icelandic settlement in North America. This their first priority. They also wish to maintain the sacred burial ground of the first settlers at Gimli and to erect a replica of a Viking Ship in Gimli.

The Corporation already has a great number of items which they

have in storage in Gimli, but they wish to collect as many old items as possible, and are asking that all members of the Icelandic community who have items which they think would rest well in an Icelandic archives in Gimli, please donate them. If you have anything to donate to this project, please advise Earl Valgardson or Barney Thorlakson or any other member of the executive.

CANADIAN DERBY SWEEP-STAKES --

Club members are once again selling Canadian Derby Sweep-stake tickets to raise money. If you don't have any books, and wish to sell some, please contact Earl Valgardson, who is in charge of the project.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Icelandic National League of North America at its February meetings awarded Gunnar Thorvaldson a life membership in the League for his contribution to the furthering of the League's aims and objectives in various ways and for an extended period of time. Gunnar was one of four who received this honor, and certainly we know he's a deserving recipient.

HEIMIR HANNESSON

Heimir Hannesson wrote to Earl Valgardson apologizing for having to cancel his visit to Edmonton.

PERSONALS

Carl Giggie from Ferry Road, New Brunswick, nephew of Earl and Pearl Valgardson is in Edmonton staying with them.

Mrs. Kristjon C. Halldorson, 13006 122 B Ave., Phone 455-1956, has a spinning wheel made by her father-in-law Kris Halldorson from Winnipeg. It is a half size model, made to 6" scale, and all the parts work. It is a copy of the classical Scandinavian spinning wheel. If anyone is interested in buying such a hand-crafted item, please call Mrs. Halldorson.

Earl Valgardson attended the annual meeting of the Icelandic National League in Winnipeg in February as the representative of the Nordurljos Chapter.

Margaret Campbell has begun a hairdressing course.

Dr. Olafur Mixa and his family were in Edmonton for a few days while he attended a conference at the Royal Alex Hospital.

Norm and Doris Vigfusson and family from Cheney, Wash. were in Edmonton for Spring Break visiting with their relatives.

NEWS RELEASE !

Minister without Portfolio, the Honourable Robert Dowling, announces the formation of a program to provide job opportunities for Alberta Youth.

In view of the Government's concern with the employment situation for students and young people, Cabinet has approved the formation of the Summer Temporary Employment Program, or S.T.E.P.

The objectives of the program are:

1. To stimulate and to provide employment for the youth of Alberta;
2. Maintain and improve the environment of Alberta;
3. Perform tasks of a humanitarian nature;
4. Perform worthwhile jobs for local governments that would not normally be carried out due to a shortage of funds.

A Cabinet Committee, comprised of the Honourable Robert Dowling (Chairman), The Honourable Dr. Bert Hohol, and the Honourable Horst A. Schmid, will be responsible for the organization and implementation of the program. This Committee will consider all projects submitted from provincial departments or from local governments.

The Province is co-ordinating the S.T.E.P. Program with federal programs such as Opportunities for Youth, Canada Manpower Student Services and the Youth Hostels, to make certain that the maximum number of jobs will result from the federal and provincial efforts.

Mr. Dowling said he is optimistic the program will provide maximum employment for Alberta youth.

Seeing APRIL

APRIL IS
Eva Willes Wangsgaard

April is a happy boy
With a sweet young voice
Running little trills of joy
Practicing from choice.

April is a growing girl
Wreathed in daffodils
Dancing as the buds unfurl,
Switching primrose frills.

April is a winging thing
Of gold and azure feather,
Small determined feet that cling
To faith in rainy weather.

April is a rushing north
Of color, sound, and sun,
Thirty holidays come forth
To celebrate as one.

The first day of spring is one thing, the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month. --Henry Van Dyke, "Fisherman's Luck"

APRIL FIRST ADVICE
by Solveig Paulson Russell

Watch out! Look and listen!
Never show surprise,
Don't say anything at all,
Just act very wise,
For on the day of April first,
Nobody goes by rules,
And every child it out to try
A lot of April-fools.

So watch your step and mind your ways
And think before you act;
Don't believe a single thing
Unless it is a fact.
If you're careful as can be
In everything you do,
You'll hear of many April fools
But not one will be YOU!

SAS TO OPEN NEW STAVANGER ROUTE

Provides Service for Tourism to South Norway and Jutland

A new track for tourism in the different Scandinavia of South Norway and the Jutland peninsula of Denmark will open up for American travelers this spring with the start of eastbound jet service on Scandinavian Airlines non-stop from New York to Stavanger, at the southwestern tip of Norway.

Only six hours away from Kennedy International Airport, this new destination is SAS' third gateway to Norway and supplements the carrier's other transatlantic services to Bergen, Oslo, Copenhagen and Stockholm.

A swinging, thriving, yet picturesque city of 80,000 people, Stavanger is also the jumping off point for new tourist routes to parts of Norway and Denmark still uncluttered by heavy tourist influx.

SAS will fly to Stavanger every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from May 24 to August 14, leaving New York at 6:10 p.m. and arriving in Stavanger at 6:05 a.m. The DC-8 flight will then proceed to Stockholm, arriving at 8:10 a.m.

While this will be an experimental summer service in 1972, SAS sees in the Stavanger gateway the same long-range possibilities already realized by its eight-year old service to Bergen, a hundred miles further north. Bergen also began as a summer destination and now enjoys year-round connections from several North American points. Bergen will be served daily from America: and on the same days that SAS DC-8s fly to Stavanger, jumbo 747-Bs will be flying to Bergen.

Stavanger is within a short distance of some of Norway's most

awesome fjord and mountain scenery, but its own immediate surroundings in the Rogaland area are green, fertile and gently rolling. Warmed by the Gulf Stream, it seldom sees snow, and its lushness has made it the breadbasket of Norway and one of the early centers of Norwegian civilization and nationhood.

Its picturesque waterfront is a reminder that Stavanger is a major shipper of sardines to the world; but the city is rapidly becoming even more commercially significant as the oil capital of Scandinavia.

The new tourist trail from Stavanger wends into the Soerlandet—the sunny south coast — whose beaches are the California of Norway, and on to Kristiansand, King Christian IV's 359-year old planned city.

From Kristiansand, it crosses the Skagerrak to Jutland, the mainland area of Denmark with three major cities, Aarhus, Aalborg and Vejle, and through a smiling countryside to the crowning amenities of Copenhagen.

RECIPES—

Like New Friends

A recipe can be a reaching across the miles, a blessing from your home to mine, a seal of friendship given and received.

Sweet Ambrosia

- 1 cup flaked coconut
 - 1 can mandarin oranges
 - 1 number 2 can pineapple chunks
 - 3 bananas sliced thin
 - 1 1/2 cups tiny marshmallows
 - 1 cup sour cream
- Drain the juice from the oranges and pineapple. Mix all ingredients together carefully and spoon into a pretty glass dish. Refrigerate for a few hours before serving. Serves 8.

HAVE YOU TRIED?

A golden light omelet served with piping hot chile sauce.
Sliced, sauted mushrooms folded into scrambled eggs.
Cooking bacon in a 350 degrees F. oven until crisp. No smoking and so quick.
Little sausages cook better this way, too.
Dry cereal served in half a cantaloup with cream.

If you have a special recipe you would like to share please send it in to the paper.

A recipe can mean a new friend, a giving of some part of you and your day to brighten mine, a bit of your kitchen experimenting to be experimented now in mine.

Sour Cream Banana Cake

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup dairy sour cream
- 1 cup mashed ripe bananas
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Cream butter; gradually add sugar, and beat until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Add vanilla. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with sour cream, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Add bananas and nuts, mixing just until blended. Turn in a buttered 13x9x2 inch pan. Bake at 375 degrees F. about 40 minutes.

The flavor of this cake is wonderful. Once you make it you will do it again and again. This cake carries well and is delicious in the lunch box.

Quick Caramel Frosting (amount will frost the above cake)

- 1/2 cup butter
 - 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
 - 1/4 cup evaporated milk
 - 2 1/4 cups confectioners sugar (sifted)
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Heat together the butter and brown sugar over low heat, stirring constantly until sugar melts. Blend in the evaporated milk, cool. Gradually beat in the sugar until of spreading consistency; add vanilla.

Sweet Rolls With A Twist (recipe can be doubled)

- 1 yeast cake
 - 4 tablespoons lukewarm water
 - 1 cup milk, scalded
 - 4 tablespoons shortening
 - 4 tablespoons sugar
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 2 eggs, beaten
 - 3 1/2 cups flour (approximately)
- Soften yeast in lukewarm water. Combine shortening, sugar and salt with scalded milk. Cool to lukewarm. Add softened yeast. Add eggs. Gradually stir in flour to form soft dough. Beat. Cover with damp cloth. Let rise (82 degrees F.) until double. This takes about 2 hours. Turn out on floured board. Knead slightly again and form. From this dough you can make 2 wreaths, 1 very large braid, or 2 dozen hot cross buns. After forming, let double in bulk again. Bake at 350 degrees F. until golden brown.

TRANSIT OF NORTHWEST PASSAGE

By S.S. Manhattan and John A. Macdonald

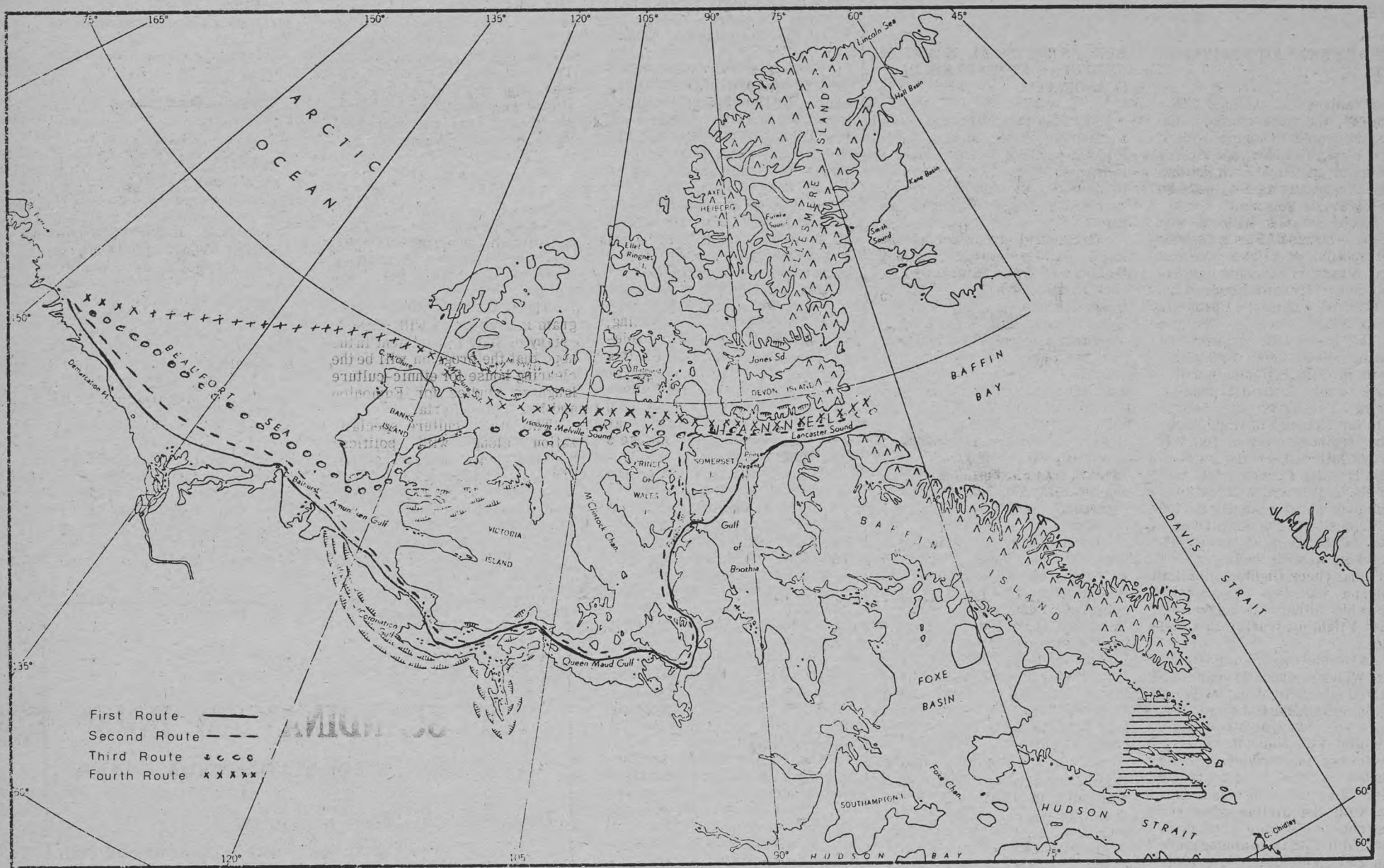
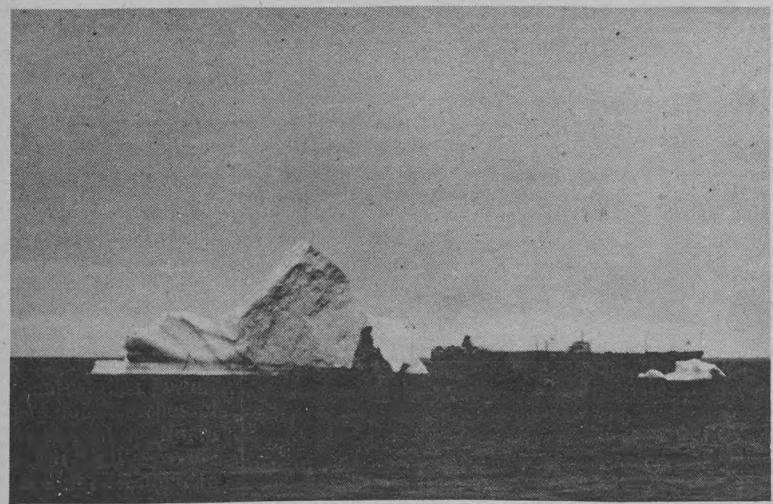


Figure 2. Physiography of the Canadian Arctic



Here the Manhattan is framed on the left by an iceberg and on the right by a growler.

The Northwest Passage spans the Arctic from Baffin Bay in the east to Bering Strait in the west, and has four potentially feasible routes.

The first route lies through Lancaster Sound, Prince Regent Inlet and Bellot Strait, Franklin, James Ross and Rae Straits, then along the mainland coast to the Bering Strait. Sergeant Henry Larsen of the R.C.M.P. travelled this route on his first voyage through the Passage in 1940-42.

The second route lies through Lancaster Sound, Barrow Strait and Peel Sound to the entrance of Franklin Strait. From there it continues south and west to the Bering Strait. This was Amundsen's route in 1903-06.

The third route follows the Parry Channel westward to the entrance of Prince of Wales Strait, continues southwest through the strait, across Amundsen Gulf, and along the mainland coasts to Bering Strait. This was the route followed by Staff-Sergeant Henry Larsen in 1944.



In addition to the ice breaking ahead of the vessel cracks should also develop on her port and starboard sides.

The fourth route follows the Parry Channel from Lancaster Sound to the western entrance of M'Clure Strait, turns southwest along the western coast of Banks Island, crosses Amundsen Gulf, and then continues west to Bering Strait. This route has never been travelled in its entirety by any one vessel although various ships at various times have navigated all its segments.

There are disadvantages to all four routes. The deep-draft ships commonly used for transport in the eastern Arctic may experience difficulty in navigating the rock-strewn passages and shallow coastal waters of the western Arctic. Surveys are being made jointly by Canada and the United States to discover and chart deep-draft channels along the entire route. The heavy ice conditions likely to be encountered in all passages preclude the use of unreinforced ships, and demand either ice-breakers or, at the very least, ice-breaker escort for strengthened vessels. The additional assistance of helicopter reconnaissance is both desirable and advisable, because it not only aids in finding leads and open water areas in the ice-congested sections of the routes but also reduces the amount of time and effort expended in breaking passage.

Route followed by S.S. Manhattan and C.C.G.S. MacDonald

After taking into account the characteristics of the Manhattan and the time of the year, it was decided to attempt to follow the fourth route. The main reason for this choice is that the route following the Parry Channel in its entirety is the most direct. However, when difficulty occurred on September 12, 1971, near Rodd Head and no progress was made during that 24-hour period, it was decided to return to the head of the Prince of Wales Strait and follow that waterway to Sachs Harbour on Banks Island. The transit of the Northwest Passage was accomplished and in reality the two ships followed the third route.

Impressions of the Manhattan and MacDonald

Ice-breaking tests were carried on by the S.S. Manhattan on September 6 in the vicinity of Resolute. The MacDonald stayed nearby for assistance, if required. Support was also given by the helicopters from U.S.C.S. Northwind, C.C.G.S. John A. Macdonald and S.S. Manhattan.

Early on September 7, the MacDonald rendezvoused with S.S. Manhattan southeast of Lowther Island and the two ships proceeded toward Winter Harbour. Ice was encountered a short distance out of Resolute. The two ships remained in the ice continuously until 1700 hours (5 p.m.)



In an ideal ice breaking sequence the ice is pushed up on either side of the hull and a long crack occurs as with the Manhattan.

on September 14, when open water was again encountered in the Prince of Wales Strait. The open water continued on the way to the north slope, and on the return trip. Proceeding easterly again, the ships encountered ice at the same latitude and they continued in ice until they reached a position near Resolute.

Abstracts of the ships log during September 8 to 15, inclusive, underline certain basic facts.

The Manhattan is an excellent ship and performed remarkably well, bearing in mind her relatively inexperienced crew. However, without the assistance of the

Macdonald, the transit of the Northwest Passage probably would not have been accomplished. It is obvious that an ice breaker of the class of the Northwind or her sister ship, the Labrador, is of little use in assisting a ship of the Manhattan's size or larger in heavy ice as was encountered near Rodd Head. This was also demonstrated on September 9 when the U.S. ice breaker Northwind was in difficulty and after being freed by the MacDonald, again became stuck in the ice. During the same period, the Manhattan also became ice bound, and the MacDonald attempted to free both these ships. After a very frustrating day, it was decided to leave the Northwest beset in the

ice. Subsequently, the ice pressure was relieved and the Northwind made her way back to Resolute without assistance.

On September 10 one of the Manhattan's large helicopters broke through a puddle on top of the ice floe and serious damage occurred to her landing gear. However, the MacDonald, under the expert guidance of Captain Fournier, manoeuvred close enough to the helicopter to permit her to be lifted by the MacDonald's crane. By very careful handling the helicopter did not

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News of Norway

SAS WOMEN PILOT TRAINS FOR JETS

Scandinavian Airlines' Turi Wideroe, the first woman in the western world to become a pilot for a major airline, is undergoing simulator and flight training this month to qualify as a co-pilot on the Caravelle Jetliner.

Flight Officer Wideroe who has been flying SAS as a Convair Metropolitan co-pilot for the past three years is expected to complete her jet transition course and be checked out on the Caravelle by April 1.

The transition program including seven other SAS pilots began in Oslo last month with a three week technical course. During February, the course calls for 13 hours of flight simulator training over a ten day period followed by the start of flight training February 29. Actual flight training will last nine hour over about a ten day period at various Scandinavian airports. Most of the month of March will be taken up with route training and final check flights with Miss Wideroe serving as co-pilot alongside either the Carvelles' Chief Flight Instructor or Chief Pilot.

As a Metropolitan co-pilot, Turi Wideroe who is 34 years old, chalked up 865 flight hours. Prior to joining SAS, she had some 1,200 hours experience as a commercial pilot with Wideroe Airways, a Norwegian service airline founded in 1934 by her father Viggo Wideroe. She was a captain with the airline when she was one of 54 pilot candidates selected by SAS from among more than 200 applicants in late 1968. SAS has 1,200 pilots in all.

There are Caravelles in SAS '71 aircraft fleet. The twin-engine 89 passenger jets operate short and medium haul services in Scandinavia, East and Central Europe.

Last year Turi Wideroe was one of several pilots including the Apollo 11 astronauts to receive the coveted Harmon trophy in Washington awarded annually to the worlds' outstanding pilots.

"SNOWSHOE THOMPSON" MEMORIAL IN NORWAY - Jon Torsteinson Rui (1827-76), the Norwegian skier who became famous in USA under the name of "Snowshoe Thompson", will be honored in his home county of Telemark in Norway in August 1972, when a memorial will be unveiled in the presence of about 150 American visitors who will arrive by charter flight to honor his memory. Snowshoe Thompson carried the mail on skis across Sierra Nevada every winter from 1856 to 1869, a gruelling distance of 87 miles from Placerville in California to Carson City in Nevada (then Utah). He averaged about 3 trips a month until the Central Pacific Railroad in 1869.

AIRPORT AT SPITSBERGEN - The Norwegian Government has approved plans for an airport to be constructed at Hotellneset near Longyearbyen on the island of Spitsbergen in Arctic Norway.

NORWAY'S FIRST "SKYSCRAPER" HOTEL - Oslo City Council has approved the plans to build a 21-storey hotel in the center of the city. It is the new SAS Royal Hotel with 1,000 beds, to be completed as a top-grade hotel with all facilities.

Smoking habits among Norwegians were the subject of a 1970 Central Bureau of Statistics Survey. It showed that among people between the ages of 15 to 74 years, 55 per cent did not smoke. A little more than every fourth Norwegian (27 per cent) smoked less than 10 cigarettes per day, while 18 per cent smoked more than 10 cigarettes. The extent of smoking increased somewhat with the income level, decreased with higher age, and was somewhat higher for men than for women.

BERGEN FESTIVAL IS MAJOR CULTURAL ATTRACTION IN SCANDINAVIA

The 20th Bergen International Festival of music, drama, folklore opera and ballet will be held in Bergen, Norway, from May 24 to June 7, and the program is more starstudded than ever before.

Orchestral groups include the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia String Quartet, the Koln Chamber Orchestra and a Japanese folk-music orchestra, as well as Bergen's own Harmonien Orchestra. Among the soloists are Wolfgang Schneiderhan and Arve Tellefsen (violin); Radu Lupu, Kjell Baekkelund and Robert Levin (piano); Irmgard Seefried, Brigitte Duerrler and Aase Nordmo Lovberg (soprano); Knut Skram and Asbjorn Hansli (baritone), and William Reimer (bass).

The ballet program includes the Brno State Theatre Ballet as well as the Norwegian Opera Ballet Company. The theatre program will be greatly extended this year, and two new events will be "Music and Drill" with the Luther College Concert Band from Iowa and the Royal Netherlands Air Force Band, also "Church Jazz" with chorus and jazz band from the Bergen Teachers' College.

Bergen's famous Viking castle, the Haakon's Hall, which was built in 1250, will be the scene for several concerts, and there will also be daily recitals at Trollhaugen - Grieg's home which is now a museum - where Grieg's music will be played on the Master's own grand piano. The colorful "Fana Folklore" excursion with folk music and folk dancing will again be available to all visitors. A complete program for the 1972 Bergen International Festival is available from the Scandinavian National Tourist Offices, 505 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10017 or 612 S Flower St. Los Angeles, Calif. 90017.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL "OIL FAIR" IN EUROPE - The very first "Oil Fair" to be organized in Europe, is slated for September 1974 in Stavanger in Norway's Fjord Country, the new "oil city", which has found riches of oil and natural gas in the North Sea. The Oil Fair will provide a meeting place for American producers and European buyers in the field of oil exploitation.

OSLO CONVENTION SIGNED

Twelve European nations signed an anti-pollution pact in Oslo on February 15. The convention, which was worked out by the twelve nations at a conference in Oslo last October, bans the dumping of harmful industrial wastes from ships or aircraft in international waters and in territorial waters of the entire North East Atlantic Area (including the North Sea, the Baltic Sea and parts of the Arctic Sea).

ON BOOKS

The Viking Ships, by A.W. Brogger, Haakon Shetelig, English translation by Katherine John. A handsomely illustrated volume, this is a revised edition of a work which presents the ancestry and evolution of the graceful longships with considerable expertise; the late authors were among Norway's foremost archaeologists. The original text remains unaltered and unabridged while many new illustrations have been added, including some drawings showing the construction of the ships. Several of the photos are in color. 192 pp. Hardcover. (Published by Dreyers Forlag, Oslo, and available from the Arthur Vanous Company, One Richard Court, River's Edge, New Jersey. Price \$17.50).

JOHN HART

Brief of Talk Given by John Hart to "Sons of Norway" Group March 7 at the Scandanavian Centre

Grant MacEwan Community College began in 1971 as an alternative to Edmonton's then existing post-secondary educational institutions. The idea for this College came out of the Provincial Government's Cameron Commission of 1965. The report noted that Edmonton lacked a college offering career programs in para-professional fields and non degree academic work. With programs such as social service technician, library technician, bio-medical technician, audio visual technician, nursing, secretarial science, and academic the College hopes to fill this gap.

All programs at the College are four semesters long and usually are taken over a two year period. But with the College's continuous trimester operation a student can complete a program in consecutive trimesters.

There are five divisions in the College: Academic-offering General Arts and Science courses, Canadian Studies, and Urban Studies; Applied Science, including nursing; Business Administration and Secretarial Science; Continuing Education; and Student Study Services.

Admission to the College usually requires a high school diploma. But applicants who have been out of school a year and are 18 years of age may waive the diploma requirement.

The College has approximately 600 students located either at the Old Scona Campus at 105 Street and 84 Avenue or the Cromdale Campus at 118 Avenue and 80 Street. About 1200 students are expected in the fall of 1972.

With the Canadian Studies Program the College will have

programs of special interest to culture-ethnic groups such as the "Sons of Norway."

Within the ethnic-culture specialization in the Canadian Studies Program various studies of selected culture-language groups in Edmonton are planned. This program will include culture, language, and art-craft reviews of Edmonton's various ethnic groups. The department believes the study of language is an integral part of the program.

As a "Community" college we expect that various ethnic-culture groups within the city will encourage our program and help us set up the program and supply us with books, records-tapes, arts, crafts of their particular culture.

The Canadian Studies Program is negotiating with the Secretary of State Department in the hope that the program will be the clearing house for ethnic-culture language studies for Edmonton and Northern Alberta.

The ethnic-culture specialization along with politics-history, and economics-geography, specialization in Canadian Studies are designed to prepare students for employment in select foundations, museums, government agencies, and certain private industries. Hopefully

many adult students will select individual courses to take for their own self interest.

All connected with Grant MacEwan College are trying to make the College a true community college. We hope the community responds positively to our efforts.

NORWAY'S LARGEST TOURIST CENTRE - The blueprint of the largest tourist center to be built in Norway - and indeed in Scandinavia - has just been presented to the press. It is the new Gavlen Mountain Village at Tinn in Telemark, reached by car from Oslo in 3 hours. The scheme includes a large luxury hotel, an apartment hotel, a large youth center hotel, several motels and between 300 and 400 log cabins. The area will be developed within a span of 5 years. Mr. Dag Rognlien of Oslo is the chief architect for the project.

NEW 18 - STOREY HOTEL IN NORWAY - The present Helsingør Hotel which is situated just outside Oslo, will build an 18 - storey hotel in connection with the existing hotel. It may take 3-4 years to complete the project.

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SPORTS
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By Ole Jensen

DANIA SOCCER CLUB
(Indoor league 2nd Division)

February 20th, Dania played Montgomery, and won easily with a 7 to 2 score. For Dania, Walter Mlinantsch scored four goals, with Otto Berg, Dennis Bowers and Fritz Wolf each getting singles.

February 25th, Dania played Hungaria, losing this one 2 to 1, the lone Dania goal being scored by Otto Berg.

The Feb.29th game was against Central, with Dania again winning quite easily by a 5 to 1 final score. Otto Berg scored 3 and Walter Mlinantsch counted the other two.

Two Exhibition games were also played. The first on March 7th, being against the 1st division Team Internom, and ending in a 1 to 1 tie, Walter Mlinantsch scoring Dania's single. The March 15th game was against Universe, with Dania winning 5 to 0. Walter Mlinantsch again scored twice, and Otto Berg, Peter Jensen and Fritz Wolf each scored once.

We shall be going ahead with a Junior Team, and Finn Laugesen will be the coach. Anyone between the ages of 18 - 21 years old and interested in playing soccer this summer is requested to please call Tage Aaqvist at 475-3520 or Ole Jensen at 475-2211.

Took From Canada To Lolland -
Falster Denmark For Hunting

Fifteen men from British Columbia preferred to hunt Hare and Pheasant rather than Bears, Wolves, and Deer.

917 Pheasants, 60 Hares, 5 Ducks, 3 Deer and 1 squirrel was the result of 15 Canadians four days Hunt in Krenkerup, Maltrup and Radsted Forest. The result was presented at a parade at Mr. Alex Kozeluh "Hamalux" Nielstrup, when the Hunt stopped.

The 15 Canadians from Alberta and British Columbia came to Lolland-Falster and went out early every morning and stayed until dark.

After the shooting was over they hurried to Copenhagen to get to their flight at Kastrup Airport. The party counted one Dane Forest Guard Axel Christensen as leader of the group. Axel Christensen live in Canada, but was former Guard assistant on Corselitze. From here he met Forest Guard Kjeld Rasmussen, Krenkerup and it was there two men, after a lengthy correspondence got the idea to this Hunt.

As I am from this part of the country and know how plentiful the game was here a lot of my friends and their friends thought it a very good idea to make this trip. But after all, even if the game is abundant, there is a little difference in Hares and Bears. We have Bears, Wolves and Deer in Canada, where we come from, but not too many in

our part of the country. We have to drive many miles to find the Pheasants and even if hunting is free in Canada, there is a limit of three pheasants a day. Beside group shooting parties is not known. You won't find any form for battue in Canada.

Is it the first time you went abroad to go hunting?

Yes, this is the first time we went as a group, but I don't think it will be the last time, after this experience. They all enjoyed this trip, which they showed me by giving me a Barretta Gun at our farewell dinner, and all expressed their wish to come again.

Really, why do you hunt? Is it for the excitement or sport or because it is fashionable?

We come here because the game is good here, it has absolute nothing to do with being fashionable.

It wouldn't be a very cheap trip. You will have to have your pocketbook in order?

Yes that is necessary. The trip has cost each \$1200.00, but it was worth the money.

Did the men get a chance to look at the country, when they were hunting from morning till night?

No actually not. They saw the big forest and we went on a small sight-seeing tour; but that was all they saw.

What happens to the game? We have no more to do with that - I guess it will be sold to the people.

Game consultant Finn Jensen, Reerso, took part in the Hunt

DENMARK THE STATUS OF WOMEN:

The women's movement is generally understood to be the movement to attain equality of status - equal rights and equal duties - with men. The object of the Danish movement, however, can best be expressed in the former statement of aims by the Danish Women Citizen's Society (Dansk Kvindesamfund): to develop and qualify women for the functions and responsibilities of fully mature citizens; to work for the attainment of full equality of women with men in the family, society, and the State; to improve the conditions for women and children, especially by means of legislation.

These aims were amended in 1968 to read: "The Danish Women's Citizens' Society works for full equality of women and men, in order that they may play their part on equal terms at work, and in public life. The society is politically neutral. The society is affiliated with the International Alliance of Women".

The revised aims indicate that a family life with the husband's active participation in such matters as bringing up the children and housekeeping, and in joint leisure-time activity with wife and children, is a natural aim of a modern family at a time when both partners often have their own employment, and when shorter working hours outside should not mean double work for the wife only. It also states the case that children should be educated by both parents.

The Danish women's movement grew out of international co-operation by women. The organization that is now the Danish Women's Citizens Society was founded in 1871 by a small group of prominent men and women. Originally, the problem was the unmarried woman's access to an independent existence free of family favour. As the authoress Thomasine Gyllenbourg (1773 - 1856) wrote: "The unmarried female relation has a servant's duties, but not a servant's rights".

The purpose of the struggle was the right to education, the right to vote, and eligibility for election.

The campaign for women's emancipation never encountered the violent opposition met with by suffragettes in other countries; the Pankhursts and their friends, through imprisonment, ridicule, and financial sacrifices, also suffered for their Danish sisters.

The results of the women's movement in Denmark can be broadly set out, in chronological order, as follows:

1872-76 Schools of commerce and draughtsmanship for women established.

1875 Women admitted to the University.

1885 First appearance of the journal of the Danish Women Citizens' Society, Kvinden og Samfundet (Woman and Society), still published monthly.

1887 Establishment of an employment exchange.

1899 Married women granted own legal rights.

1903 Votes for women at elections to parochial church councils.

1908 Votes for women at local government elections.

1908 Legislation on children born outside marriage.

as an expert.

What was your opinion of the men?

Actually I was very astonished the way they handled their guns. To tell you the truth, we had not expected to find them that perfect. Kjeld Rasmussen gave them a course in shooting before the hunting started, which provided that they conducted everything correct.

You don't think that you gunned too many?

No, absolutely not. It is a big misunderstanding if anybody thinks that. Remember this is the result of four days, it is only 18 game per man per day it is very reasonable.

1915 Votes for women at parliamentary elections.

1919 Equal pay for men and women in the public services.

1921 Equal entry to Government employment.

1922 Parental authority shared by mothers and fathers.

1924 First women of the Government; Nina Bang, Minister of Education.

1925 Husband and wife equal in respect of marriage rights and duties.

1937 Children born of unmarried parents given equal status with children of married parents. (including rights to name and inheritance)

1947 Women clergy.

1953 Female right of succession to the throne included in new Constitution.

1958 Mother made joint guardian with father of minors; i.e., entitled to share control of children's fortunes and other financial matters.

1961 Legislation entitling parents to choose between father's and mother's family name for children. Women entitled to keep family name from previous marriage when remarrying.

1966 All women, regardless of age, entitled to obtain advice and guidance about methods of contraception.

The women's movement in Denmark has not thereby achieved its aim, and so made itself superfluous. In the first place, there will always be points of law which will need amendment or revision; and, in the second, women must be deeply involved in ensuring that the equality of status prescribed by law is observed. An advance extensive revision of the law relating to public servants which rendered the principle of equal pay effective, following evasion over a number of years.

A long standing issue has been the abolition of joint taxation of husband and wife. With taxation at source (pay as you earn), introduced from January 1, 1970, the employment earnings of married women, and a few other items of income, such as disablement pension, are now separately assessed. A wife's investment income will, however, continue to be assessed on her husband's returns.

The women's movement also functions as a sort of watchdog to ensure that the law is observed, using its influence to see that equality of status is really practised, as, for example, in appointments to important posts.

The interests of women are catered for by many other organizations, including large associations of housewives (husmoderforening) in town and country; the National Council of Women's in Denmark (Danske Kvinders Nationalraad) founded in 1899; the University Women's Club (Kvindelige Akademikere), 1922; business and professional women's clubs (Danske Erhvervkvinders Klubber, Kobenhavnsforeningen, 1947 Landsforeningen, 1948) and many others. Cooperation between these associations is often ideal, as indicated by the practical support which they give to women candidates of all parties in election campaigns, the holding of election meetings, distributing leaflets and so on.

ROALD AMUNDSEN

CENTENARY IN NORWAY - The famous Norwegian polar explorer, Roald Amundsen, was born a hundred years ago on July 16 this year, and the centenary will be celebrated throughout Norway. A monument will be unveiled at Roald Amundsen's home near Oslo on July 16 by King Olav V. Roald Amundsen was the first to sail through the North-West Passage in 1903-06, the first on the South Pole in 1911, and the first to fly across the North Pole in 1925 in the airship "Norge" with Lincoln Ellsworth and Umberto Nobile.

BUFORD VASA LODGE

By Ruth Ekeund

Saturday March 11 was a very busy day for members of the Buford Vasa Lodge. The Curling Club held its annual invitational Bospiel for members of Buford Skandia and Nordstjernan lodges. After the last tie-breaking rocks were thrown the winners were: 1st George Modin rink, Buford, 2nd Bert Watson rink, Skandia, 3rd Glenn Pearson rink, Buford, Consolation, Bud Holmgren rink, Skandia.

In the evening, a banquet and dance marked the 40th Anniversary of the Buford Vasa Lodge. Guests of honor were the 4 remaining charter members Bros. Julius Bergstrom, Helfred Bergstrom, Fjaller Johnson and Sam Wickstrom. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Tony Lefsrud, with guest speakers, Grand Lodge Executive members Bert Johnson and Floyd Modin. A delicious anniversary cake was baked and decorated by

Sr. Florence Pearson. Thanks to our fellow members from Calgary, Meeting Creek, Falun and Edmonton who helped us make our evening a success. A special thanks to Falun and Lethbridge lodges for the beautiful flowers.

Anniversary celebrations were marred by the news that our chairman Bob Pearson, his wife Barbara and their two children were involved in a serious automobile accident while in route to the banquet. At present Barbara is in the University Hospital with multiple injuries, Billy is in Leduc Hospital with a broken pelvis while Bob and Lori escaped with minor bruises. The best wishes of all our members go out to Barbara and Billy and we hope to see them up and around again very soon.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Allun Markstedt who celebrated their silver wedding

anniversary at the Willow Creek Community Centre on March 4th. Their many relatives and friends enjoyed a lovely supper followed by an evening of dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Erickson have returned from a three week holiday in Mexico. On Sunday, March 5, Avis Pearson, Maureen Niddrie and Roxanne Clark were hostesses at a bridal shower in honor of Miss Maureen Modin, bride elect of March 18. Best wishes to Maureen and Mr. Larry Pidkawa on their forthcoming marriage.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clair Pearson who will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary with a social evening and dance for their friends and relatives at the Calmar Hall on March 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gellert have moved into their recently purchased home in Calmar and are at present commuting to their jobs in Thorsby.

PROPOSED CULTURAL ARTS CENTRE

A Cultural Arts Centre has been given priority in the Edmonton Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This was reinforced by several submissions to the Advisory Board. Present department facilities for craft programs are make-shift and inadequate and existing public facilities such as schools, libraries and the Art Gallery do not fully meet the needs of the individual. The amateur artist and craftsman working at home is often thwarted by the lack of specialized equipment and the chance to share experiences with others. Nor is there a place in the city where he can display his work. A Cultural Arts Centre would serve the many local groups active in the creative field who urgently need offices, meeting rooms, rehearsal space, workshops, research and experimental facilities and storage for equipment, tools, supplies and exhibition materials.

Such a Centre would provide for the working together of related groups, with shared equipment and leadership. Central storage facilities will reduce loss and damage to valuable tools and other equipment. Exhibition space could be provided to encourage amateur artists and craftsmen. Suitable facilities, not now available, would be provided for the performances by actors, dancers and musicians.

A well-designed building will allow for the special needs of the disabled and for scaled-down work areas for children.

Edmonton Parks and Recreation has been given the responsibility for continuous program research to upgrade present programs; for experimentation with new types of programs; for an expanding role of assistance to Community groups; and for conducting on-going training of department instructors and other staff. Proper facilities are necessary for effective performance of this duty.

HISTORY

From 1946 to 1964, the old U.S.O. building was used as a central recreation building. By 1961, more than 5,000 people were using this centre each week and pressure to build a new centre became strong. However, in 1965, the building was torn

down to make room for the Centennial Building. At this time, a site lying west of the original building was set aside for the construction of a Central Recreation Building to include a theatre, arts and crafts facilities, administration wing, gymnasium and natatorium. Funds for initial planning were included in preliminary capital budgets in 1965, 1966, and 1967, and construction funds in 1968 and 1969. These amounts were deleted in final budgets during these years and each year since. The need for the gymnasium, natatorium and some of the offices has lessened as alternative accommodations have been found. However, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Federation of Community League and many other organizations continue to press for a central building for the cultural arts and in 1970 a Cultural Centre was given priority in the Edmonton Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

FACILITIES REQUIRED

- The physical plan would need thorough study to decide the best use of space. The design should be flexible to allow for development, changing needs and a growing variety of programs. The Centre should contain:
1. Main Entrance Lobby
 2. Auditorium
 3. Administration
 4. Workshop Area
 5. Dance Studio
 6. Music Studio
 7. Garden Area

SUMMARY

This will be a general purpose building to serve a wide variety of cultural needs. Particularly, it will be a facility in which Edmonton Parks and Recreation can centralize specialized city-wide programs, train leaders and provide a better service to those citizens interested in the cultural arts.

This is a proposal to meet the challenging, growing and demanding needs of participants in a field of recreation which has not been given reasonable or fair attention in the past, according to the superintendent of the Edmonton Parks and Recreation, Mr. J. Janzen.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed \$2.00 cash for the Scandinavian Centre News, it is a good and interesting paper, but I receive 2 copies, a waste of paper and money, so please send me 1 copy.

Thank you for your interesting and informative letters in the News, from you and your wives trip to Norway in 1971, it was good reading. I was born in Norway so I know the country.

Yours truly,
Torres Kvía

Enclosed find \$2.00 donation to the paper.

Wish to thank the Editor the Directors and Correspondents for their fine contributions to the paper. Keep up the good work.

Adolf Hahlgren

Dear Sir:

I am sending you a small donation for your good and welcome paper, The Scandinavian News.

I hope to get another trip to Scandinavia with you soon.

Sincerely yours,
G. Elof Andersson

Dear Mr. Morris:

You have been most co-operative with our organization in the past in publicizing our various appeals with good response from your readers and we would be most grateful if we could call on you once more for our present urgent need for Towels, discarded flannel-ette sheets, faded drapes and bedspreads.

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The Bedspreads and Drapes we use to line the Quilts we make from remnants of material and used nylon stockings. These make cosy Quilts which are a Godsend to a family in desperately poor circumstances. We would be deeply grateful if you can bring our needs to the attention of your readers in your next issue of the Scandinavian Centre News as many of your readers may have these items to discard during Spring Cleaning.

Yours sincerely,
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RONNING
LODGE

By
Doreen Anderson

January was an active month for Ronning Lodge, 504, Camrose. A pot-luck Supper was held in conjunction with the installation of the 1972 officers. Brother Knut Svidal presented the Ronning Lodge Charter to Brother Sig Sorenson who turned it over to President Ross Anderson. Dr. A. R. Hoefling, with the remaining slate of officers, was installed as President by Brother Harv Haugen. The drill team assisted with the installation as well as performing precision drills.

Mrs. Emma Boraas donated a personal Norwegian Flag to the Lodge. Mrs. Maxine Nordstom presented this on behalf of Mrs. Boraas.

Our cross-country ski instructors Mr. and Mrs. Jens Servold accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Christianson, attended a ski clinic in the Hinton area. They were very enthused and would recommend this to anyone able to go. The ski club meets every Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Club House at the Golf Course. All skiers are welcome.

The Building and Lands Committee consisting of Chris Christianson, Roald Torpe and Rudy Swanson would like to bring to the members' attention an extremely important issue. The committee will be expecting suggestions and ideas from the floor at the April meeting with regards to having a Ronning Lodge Memorial Centre. They are asking for suggestions in

regard to the purchase of land, how much, where and also the size and type of building to be constructed.

Please give this careful consideration and bring your ideas to the April meeting.

Brother Harv Haugen notified the Lodge that the \$500.00 Scholarship to the Camrose Lutheran College from the Fourth District is now a Permanent Annual Scholarship.

Ronning Lodge also presented a cheque for one hundred dollars to the College for the purchase of Norwegian books. These are to be ordered at the discretion of Mr. Geo Moi who teaches the Norwegian language every Friday evening under the auspices of Ronning Lodge.

All Ronning Lodge meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. in the Camrose Lutheran College.

SMILE!

A visitor to a church was touched by an appeal to reduce the mortgage, and signed a card that he would give \$50.00 toward it. On the following Sunday he was shocked to hear the preacher name him as one who promised to give \$500.00. He sought out the Pastor and made it clear he meant to give much less. "O.K." said the Pastor, "I'll tell the congregation you've changed your mind and will not give \$500.00" "Oh no" said the man, "I'll give the \$500.00 to prevent that being said. May I ask you to quote for me my favourite, somewhat changed Scripture?" "Certainly", said the Pastor, "What is it?" "I was a visitor and you took me in." ★★★★★★

The lady church goer who starts putting on her shoes when the preacher says, "And now in conclusion" - is a real optimist.

Heritage Interest
Reaches New HIGH

A major growth of interest in the Norwegian cultural heritage by people of all age groups is revealed in figures released this week by Sons of Norway International.

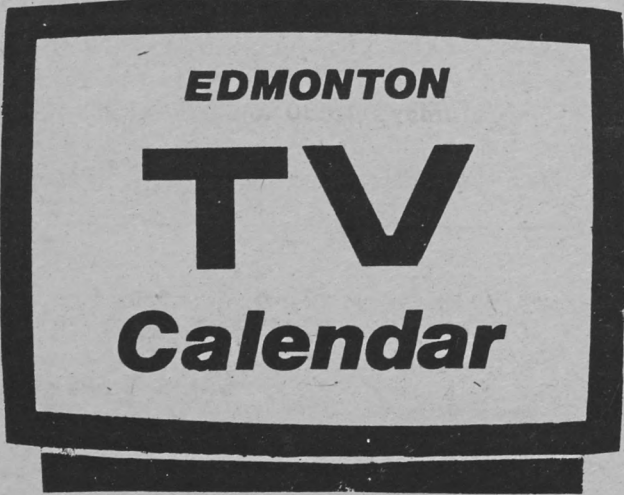
New members are joining the fraternal at an average of 1000 a month in 1971 with almost 1600 new members in December alone.

Over the past five years, 60 new lodges have been formed and officials expect the rate of growth to exceed this one-a-month rate in the future.

Fraternal Director Harry Johnson attributes much of Sons of Norway growth to the expanding heritage activities of the lodges. "Language classes are being offered to adults and young people in more than fifty communities...there are scores of classes in the folk arts; folk-dancing-Hardanger embroidery-and in the unique decorative art form of Rosemaling or rose painting".

"New Heritage programs have been created on the subjects of Norwegian folk literature and music...on folk and fine art and on tracing ancestry. Several new motion pictures have been released. Among them, A HERITAGE PRESERVED which includes a historical sequence of the immigration period and "SKOGFJORDEN, A LANGUAGE ADVENTURE" about an American Norwegian language village.

Johnson, through lodge visits and seminars, notes the growing numbers of second and third generation Norwegian-Americans who have begun to seek knowledge of their cultural heritage. In part this interest has been spurred by the Viking magazine, lodge Heritage Programs and the availability of charter flights to Norway.



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FINNISH SOCIETY



By Anne Sahuri

Our sincere thanks to all who participated in Scandapades in any way, performing, helping in the kitchen, selling tickets etc.. Special thanks to Mary Karvonen for a job well done.--Executive

On February 27th a caravan of skiers left for Devon, partly to watch the Junior Canadian ski-jumping Finals and partly to ski themselves. Well - the weather was perfect for cross-country skiing and everyone, including the children, went all the way through the eight kilometer ski-track, enjoying the fine slopes and maybe having a few falls. But that is part of the sport itself. Let's have another outing soon.

"We would like to thank the Finnish people who gave us a pleasant surprise in the form of a housewarming party. Many thanks to all for the flowers and the gift." - Kaino and Helka Nikkanen

The general meeting of Finnish Society will be held on April 18th, at the home of Pentti Sipari, 1503 - 9747 - 104 Street. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Matti Lehtiniemi of Lethbridge, Alta. on the birth of their son, Ray Eric, on February 21, 1972.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Tauno Alomaa who became proud grandparents recently. Happy parents are Mr. & Mrs. Seppo Alomaa. Congratulations.

TRANSIT OF NORTHWEST PASSAGE

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This is the Macdonald anchored in a small polynia which are patches of open water which remain in the same place.

break through the ice and was safely returned to the Manhattan slightly damaged. This operation was very delicate, since any error in judgement could easily have caused the helicopter to break through or slip off the ice into at least 100 feet of water. The Manhattan has no equipment suitable to carry out such a recovery operation. However, the Macdonald saved a helicopter valued at about \$250,000.

On September 12 and 13 great difficulty was experienced by the Manhattan and for twenty-four hours she was stuck in the pack ice for practical purposes. The reports from the ice reconnaissance plane reported that the ice conditions westerly in the McClure Strait were much more severe and the possibility of success in continuing on the north side of Banks Island was extremely doubtful. Again on September 13 and 14 the Manhattan was in considerable difficulty approaching the head of the Prince of Wales Strait. Ice up to 15 feet in thickness was encountered and ridges which were estimated to at least 60 feet deep crossed the

paths followed by the two ships. The Macdonald herself was stuck for over two hours and finally extricated herself after the ice pressure had somewhat eased.

After clearing the closely packed ice in the Prince of Wales Strait, the Manhattan and the Macdonald proceeded to Prudhoe Bay after making a short stop at Sachs Harbour to permit members of the Canadian Press and certain Canadian Civil Servants to catch a connecting flight to Inuvik.

If the Northwest Passage is to be used regularly, it is extremely important that a proper system of navigation be established by the Canadian Government to assist ships to pass through it and know with accuracy where they are at any given time. Equally important is the need for proper hydrographic charts based on a high degree of vertical and horizontal control.

Consideration must also be given to the provision of escorting ice breakers of suitable size during the navigation season or to have such ice breaking assistance available at key locations.

Scandinavian Tourist Offices and SAS Host Dinner



From left) Otto Von Rosen, Arne Johannessen, Ivor Dent, Douglas Evans, Robert Dowling, Mrs. Knud Holm-Pedersen, Ed Conradson, Per Prag and Sigurd Franzen.

A dinner meeting was held at the Scandinavian National Tourist Office (Ed Conradson--Executive Secretary) and the Norwegian National Tourist Office (Per Prag--Director) with Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) (Otto von Rosen--Representative) at the Chateau Lacombe on February 1st.

It was held specifically for the press, travel industry and dignitaries. Honored guests included Robert Dowling--Alberta Minister of Tourism, Ivor Dent--Mayor of Edmonton, Douglas Evans -- Director of the Alberta Government Travel Bureau as well as the Consul of Finland--An Ross, Consul of Denmark--Mrs. Knud Holm-Pedersen, Consul of Sweden--Sigurd Franzen, Consul of Norway--Arne Johannessen and Mrs. Vera Nielsen--Manager of the Scandinavian Centre Flight Programs.

Topics of subjects given by speakers ranged from the 1100

year celebrations of Bergen, the opening of Stavanger as an SAS gateway from North America as a result of the off-shore oil industry of Norway, the showing of a new informational film called "Scandinavian Experience" and the mentioning of the increasing importance of Alberta as a tourist attraction as well as the increased travel to Scandinavia from Alberta due mainly to the high concentration of Scandinavians in Alberta--over 100,000.

The great success of the recent visit to Scandinavia by the Acting Minister of Industry, Horst Schmid, sparked the Swedish Mining Mission to Alberta and other similar missions to come here to see just what Alberta has to offer in the way of trade.

Unfortunately, due to the air traffic controllers' strike at the time, the Minister of Education of Finland was unable to attend the dinner meeting.

According to the hosting parties, the meeting was extremely successful.



(From left to right) Per Prag, Ivor Dent, Robert Dowling and Ed Conradson.

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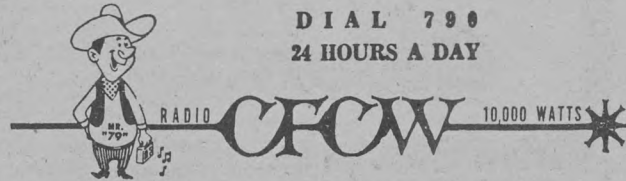
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VIKING DECLINE II

Olaf Sveen: On the last program we talked about some of the things which led to the decline of Viking activity. You said we might look at the fate of the Viking colonies to see how the points we talked about came into action. Shall we start with the East Vikings?

Dr. Bourassa: Alright. Obviously we don't have time to review all details of settlement which we covered on another program. We pointed out that the Norse established several cities in Russia and maintained a long trade route to the Byzantine Empire and to the Muslim nations. The trade routes gradually declined in importance especially after the crusades shifted the oriental trade routes to cross Europe. The Asiatic nomads also became more of a problem along the Dnieper. But we also find that the Norse were few in a land containing many other people. They adapted to local customs, intermarried and, when interest from Sweden declined, gradually became absorbed into the native population.

Olaf Sveen: What about the West Vikings?

Dr. Bourassa: Let's start with England. We have told how, after numerous small raids, the Vikings eventually came to stay and conquered large parts of England and Ireland. We mentioned that **Swien Forkbeard, King of Denmark**, had been accepted as King of England. After his death his son **Canut**, fought his way to the throne of England. He thus became ruler of Denmark and England. But on his death his kingdom disintegrated. One of his sons became King of England, the other in Denmark, thus dividing the kingdom. When the English ruler died, the Danish ruler took the throne in England but he lost control in Denmark to King Magnus of Norway. Various other attempts were made by the Norse to conquer England by, for example, **Harold Hardruler of Norway and Swien Estrudsson of Denmark**, but partly because of the struggles going on in Scandinavia and partly because so many Norse were now settled in England and intent on defending it these later attacks were beaten off. We need not go into detail about Ireland. It's sufficient to say that, as in England, the Vikings could not maintain rule over the whole country and were eventually subdued. So we see that struggles for national supremacy in Scandinavia increased the already difficult movements of the vast armies needed to maintain control of distant lands and that many of the Norse who had settled in these countries were willing to defend them.

I think we mentioned on another program that there was a link between Norway and the Orkneys until the 15th century.

Olaf Sveen: And what happened in Normandy?

Dr. Bourassa: Well, as you remember, the Vikings raided France and Italy for a number of years with great success although no permanent settlements resulted. But eventually under a series of kings who gradually extended their power and the stability of the French kingdom, defences were built which caused the Vikings great trouble, although they persisted in their raids. Finally the French King, **Charles the Simple**, de-

cided to use an idea some of his predecessors had tried. Namely, using some Vikings to keep the other Vikings away. He granted a Viking known as **Rolf**, or in French as **Rollo**, a dukedom. This was Normandy. The idea was a great success. As you remember William, conqueror of England, was a Norman and the Normans established the Kingdom of Sicily. You can see that Normandy was part of France and the Norse soon became French. They adopted the languages and customs and in many ways they were no longer Scandinavians. It seems likely, however, that the mixture of

the Norse into French culture was important in producing some of the Norman exploits I just mentioned.

Olaf Sveen: What about the Norse colonies in Iceland, Greenland, and America?

Dr. Bourassa: Here we have a situation which differs from the others we have talked about. In Europe and Russia the Norse were penetrating into areas of land already controlled by someone else. So although they came as warriors or traders if they remained they tended to be absorbed into the already existing population and social structure. We will see later that they did exert some influence on the cultures that assimilated them but none of this provides us with an example of what would have happened if the Norse had been allowed to establish their own customs unhindered by other people. However, in Greenland and Iceland the Norse came upon land that was almost completely unoccupied and could establish their own forms of government. Some of this we will want to talk about on future programs. For now we mainly are concerned about the fate of these colonies as it related to the decline of Viking activity.

Let us first consider Iceland. For about three centuries it managed to remain an independent kingdom. However in the 12th Century, Iceland was torn by feuds between powerful families which the legal system just could not handle. The inhabitants would not submit to any authority they could devise and finally came under the rule of King Haakon of Norway. I might mention that the Viking ideals of independence were probably a factor in making large organized Viking raids difficult. This same feeling for independence frequently made it difficult for the Norse to cooperate and probably weakened their attempts to conquer Europe.

But back to Iceland. The agreement with Norway should have ensured that trading ships would continue to call in Iceland but in the 14th Century the Norwegian traders were being driven off the sea by the German Hanseatic League. So Norwegian ships failed to reach Iceland. The land was not rich enough to provide certain necessities and, although Norway failed to supply trade, the royal monopoly still closed the port to other vessels. Matters became even more quiet in the 15th Century when the rulers of Scandinavia seemed only interested in revenue and not at all in supporting their colonies. Iceland was also beset in the 1300's with a series of natural disasters such as volcano eruptions, the Black Death, and a climate which was becoming steadily colder. In the 17th Century, Iceland was severely attacked by Moorish pirates and in the 18th Century more natural disasters. As we know the Icelanders survived all and have

again become an independent country. Certainly this is a story of survival under the most cruel conditions.

In terms of Viking decline, however, we can again see that difficulties at home caused a turning away from the outposts of the Norse expansion. Also the worsening weather conditions must have made the routes more difficult to travel so that finally Iceland became completely isolated and due to its lack of natural resources such as timber, the Icelanders were able to do little to restore contact.

Olaf Sveen: I suppose the history of Greenland must be similar?

Dr. Bourassa: Yes, in many respects. But Greenland was even poorer in resources than Iceland and the people failed to survive. Part of the difficulty was again the failure of Norse shipping to provide needed supplies. But also the goods from Greenland became less important because of the ease of obtaining goods like iron and furs from England and elsewhere. The last known contact with the Greenlanders was in 1410. Somewhere around 1500 they were gone. Probably the Greenlanders had also to contend with Eskimos, who, as the weather became increasingly cold, moved down to the Viking settlements. Some authorities who have unearthed skeletons and other remains feel that because of poor diet the settlers became stunted in size and probably finally killed by plague. Others believe this to be an exaggerated picture. Helge Ingstad, who has located the remains of a Norse settlement in Newfoundland, has asked why the Greenlanders could not adapt to the changed conditions and live like, or perhaps intermarry with, the Eskimos. He says it seems that no trace of intermarriage exists and suggests that perhaps the Greenlanders at some point patched together their boats and sailed for America. The route must have

been well known and certainly it would have been an inviting land.

Olaf Sveen: And what about the American colonies?

Dr. Bourassa: Here we have only speculation as to the failure to colonize America. As I mentioned Helge Ingstad has found remains of one colony in Newfoundland. He seems to think others might exist. We have no way of knowing how many attempts were made, because most of them would come from Greenland which was out of touch with Iceland where histories of the trips might have been made.

In any case, from what has already been said, it should be clear that such trips would be major undertakings and Greenland would have some difficulty in gathering the resources for such trips. The increasing cold must have also made the trips even more hazardous than before so despite the potential value of the timber and furs and the plentiful supply of furs and so on the risks must have been great enough to discourage all but the most brave or most desperate. Even if the Greenlanders had managed to settle in North America, as Ingstad thinks they might have, I think we can assume they would have been assimilated into the Eskimo or Indian culture.

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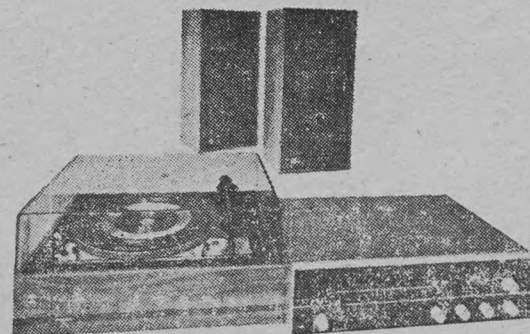
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